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BODY, 1973-74

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1. SUMMARY. FRG SPOKESMEN CONFIRMED THAT EC NINE COUNTRIES RECENTLY DISCUSSED QUESTION OF ILO GOVERNING BODY CHAIRMANSHIP FOR 1973-74, AND THAT THEY WILL PRESS FOR EUROPEAN CHAIRMANSHIP. WHILE FRG POSITION NOT YET FIRM, SPOKESMEN INDICATED THAT FRG MAY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO OPPOSE SOVIET OR OTHER EAST EUROPEAN CANDIDATE. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY OFFICERS RAISED SUBJECT WITH FOREIGN OFFICE AND LABOR MINISTRY. ILO AFFAIRS NOW BEING HANDLED IN REORGANIZED FRG LABOR MINISTRY BY DR. BRANDT AND DR. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KLOTZ, UNDER OVERALL SUPERVISION OF DR. HAASE WHO HAD RECENTLY REPLACED ILO EXPERT DR. ZOELLNER AS DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL POLICY DIVISION. MINISTRY'S LONG-TERM ILO EXPERT THOMAS ALSO TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DUTY.

3. LABMIN REPS BRANDT AND KLOTZ WERE SURPRISED THAT SOVIETS NOW ARE PROPOSING GOROSIN, SINCE PREVIOUSLY HIS CANDIDACY WAS BELIEVED UNLIKELY FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY REASONS. INSTEAD THEY EXPECTED MEETING OF EAST EUROPEAN LABOR MINISTERS TO PROPOSE POLISH CANDIDATES.

4. THEY CONFIRMED INFORMATION AS PER PARA 1 REFTEL THAT EC NINE COUNTRIES RECENTLY DISCUSSED THEIR POSITION ON QUESTION OF ILO GOVERNING BODY CHAIRMANSHIP FOR 1973/74. BRANDT SAID EUROPEAN GROUP WILL PRESS FOR EUROPEAN AS CHAIRMAN THIS YEAR, BUT SO FAR THERE IS NO AGREEMENT ON A WEST EUROPEAN CANDIDATE AND GROUP WILL NOT MEET AGAIN BEFORE ILO MEETING. HE SAID THAT FRANCE AND ITALY, AND POSSIBLY BELGIUM AND DENMARK, WERE PREPARED TO SUPPORT SOVIET OR OTHER EAST EUROPEAN CANDIDATE.

5. ASKED ABOUT FRG POSITION, BRANDT AND KLOTZ CAUTIOUSLY SAID NO FINAL DECISION HAD YET BEEN REACHED. BUT THAT FRG MAY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO OPPOSE SOVIET CANDIDACY BECAUSE OF SEVERAL FACTORS: A) OF FOUR ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES, FRANCE AND ITALY ALREADY HAVE INDICATED POSSIBLE SUPPORT FOR SOVIET CANDIDATE, LEAVING ONLY UK AND FRG AS POSSIBLE CANDIDATE. SINCE DR. ZOELLNER HAS BEEN REPLACED RECENTLY BY DR. HAASE, WHO IS RELATIVELY UNKNOWN AND INEXPERIENCED, FRG UNLIKELY TO SEEK CHAIRMANSHIP; B) SOVIETS REPRESENT SECOND LARGEST FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTOR TO ILO; C) OPPOSITION TO SOVIET CANDIDACY MAY BE INCONSISTENT WITH BREZHNEV'S VISIT.

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6. WHILE FRG WAS ALSO AWARE OF ARGENTINE CANDIDACY (PARA
2 REFTEL), FRG SUSPECTED PERONISTS MIGHT WITHDRAW
SOMEONE PROPOSED BY OUTGOING REGIME. WOULD
APPRECIATE BUENOS AIRES EMBASSY' S VIEWS.

7. THE LABOR MINISTRY AND FOREIGN OFFICE UNDERSTOOD
OUR CONCERN AND WILL REVIEW FRG POSITION ON THIS ISSUE.
FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL WILL INFORM EMBASSY ON FRG
POSITION AND LABMIN OFFICIALS INDICATED THEY WOULD
CONSULT WITH US DELEGATION IN GENEVA GROUP.

8. COMMENT. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, ZOELLNER AND THOMAS,
THE FORMER FRG ILO REPRESENTATIVES GENERALLY SUPPORTED
US INITIATIVES. WHILE IT MAY ONLY BE COINCIDENTAL WITH
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THE FRG LABMIN REORGANIZATION, THE CAUTION OF THE NEW
REPRESENTATIVES IN STATING THE FRG POSITION, AND
APPARENT EFFORTS TO FIND REASONS WHY THE
SOVIET CANDIDATE COULD NOT BE OPPOSED AND WHY A WEST
EUROPEAN CANDIDATE WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO FIND COINCIDE
WITH THE DEPARTURE OF ZOELLNER AND THOMAS FROM ILO
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